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For: CHARACTERISATION OF GENE FUNCTION USING  
DOUBLE STRANDED RNA INHIBITION

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**RESPONSE TO FINAL ACTION**

Sir:

This is responsive to the Final Office Action dated April 23, 2009. This response is filed with a Request for Continued Examination and a request for a three month extension of time, extending the period for response to the Office Action to October 23, 2009.

**A listing of the claims** begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.